

The comments in the media that I am hearing from F.C.C. Chairman Powell on media consolidation come off very biased by disregarding the most important concern for the media, which is exercise of free speech. This rule seems to me to have little or nothing to do with technology, and much to do with power over opinion and reduced freedom of speech.

We must have more owners of smaller broadcast media, not a large owner of a large conglomerate nor large owners of large conglomerates. The exercise over editorial policy on ideas and what is counted as news must be diversified, not unified. With the reduction of diversity we lose much of our freedom of speech; thus, we become more vulnerable to mindlessness, autocrats and demagogues.

Diversity of news and opinion better facilitates formation of thoughtful opinions, so we must have fewer stations owned by an owner, not more.